

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Amendment and reconsideration of this application are requested. Claim 1 has been amended, claim 2 has been cancelled and claims 1 and 3-12 are now pending in the application.

The objection to the drawings is overcome by canceling claim 2.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 5-12 as well as the conditional allowance of claim 3 if rewritten as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rewrite claim 3 following consideration of this Amendment.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Du et al. '219. Du discloses a remotely controllable operator 12 for a circuit breaker 10 wherein activation of a motor 32 having gear train 52, 54, 56 causes a threaded shaft 58 to be rotationally driven to move a driver 60 and a handle actuator 64 with a post 65 to the right as seen in Fig. 2. Post 65 contacts curved handle 16 and rides up, over and down a curved path along the handle 16 (col. 4, lines 31-59, Figs. 3 and 4) until driver tab 70 strikes a stop 80. Such action results in the circuit breaker 10 moving between on and off positions.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, inter alia, a force translation system having a longitudinal axis...having a first end structure linearly slidable along the longitudinal axis into and out of contact with the operating handle and a second end structure disposed for linear slidable movement along the longitudinal axis and inside the force generating arrangement.

Du et al. shows first end structure or post 65 not linearly slidable, but slidable in contact over a curved path of the contour of handle 16 which path is not along a longitudinal axis of the force translation arrangement or threaded shaft 58. Further, there is no showing whatsoever of the second end structure 70, 80 being disposed for linear slidable movement along the longitudinal axis and inside the force generation arrangement or motor 32. In fact, the second end structure of Du et al. slides outside the

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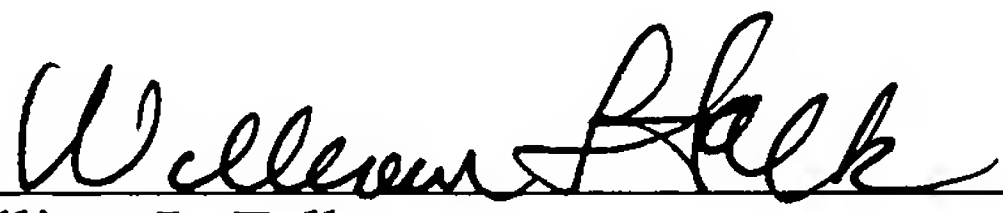
motor 32. Such amendment is a broader recitation of the limitations set forth in allowable independent claims 5, 9 and 12.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that claims 1, 3 and 4, as well as claims 5-12 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue with claims 1 and 3-12 being deemed allowable.

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